ment of instalments etc., are granted. A special recovery cell, constituted in the head office of IDBI, constantly reviews all the defaulting accounts and follows-up with the units for recovery of dues. The projects are generally appraised by a team of officers drawn from all financial institutions and appraisal reports are discussed in joint meetings of the Senior Executives of the institutions.

Weeding out of corrupt Income-tax Officials

2241. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are facing some problems in weeding out corrupt Income Tax officials at the level of Assistant Commissioners; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether the failure on the part of Government to punish corrupt officials is likely to demoralise the honest officers in the department;

(c) what effective steps Government are taking to boost the morale of the honest officers; and

(d) how many income-tax officials have gone for voluntary retirement so far during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is no such failure. Hence the question does not arise.

(c) Assurance has been given, both orally as well as in writing, to all the officers in the Department that action to weed out corruption and inefficiency will be taken only on the basis of concrete evidence and not anonymous complaints, rumours or hearsay, and that the honest officials can continue to do their work to the best of their ability without any unnecessary fear or apprehension.

(d) 58.

Setting up of Tourist Resorts with French Collaboration

2242. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether some exploratory talks are going on between the French resort chain-Club Mediterrance—with the Taj Group of hotels on the one band on the possibility of starting a joint venture and with Government on the other hand a 100 per cent foreign-owned tourist resort in the country;

(b) if so, what are the terms offered by the Chairman of the French Group during the negotiations with the Government Officials; and

(c) what are the names of the places where these tourist resorts are to be established in the country?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No such proposal has been received by the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Dual pricing system for steel

2243. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Economic Administrative Reforms Commission have suggested dual pricing system for steel;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon; and

(c) what types of steel products are to be covered by this system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.